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5,514,154, which--.

At page 1, lines 2 and 3, delete "copending"; and line 4, insert --now abandoned--.

after the ",".

NE At page 3, line 29, after the word "invention," insert --have a--.

At page 4, line 27, delete "for" and insert --form--.

At page 9, line 36, delete "12" and insert --13--.

At page 10, line 1, delete "11" and insert --12--; line 2, delete "12" and insert --13--;
line 10, delete "13" and insert --12--; and line 14, delete "13" and insert --12--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-24 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

1 25/ A longitudinally flexible stent for implanting in a body lumen, comprising:

a plurality of cylindrical elements which are expandable in the radial direction and

which are connected so as to be generally aligned on a common longitudinal axis; and

at least one weld connection between each cylindrical element to attach the plurality

of cylindrical elements along the common longitudinal axis thereby forming the longitudinally

flexible stent.